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INTER-DISCIPLINARY TEAM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an inter-disciplinary team consisting of 30 Ayurveda experts, five I.T. experts, five patent examiners and scientists has been formed for the enhancement and development of traditional method of medicine-Ayurveda;

(b) if so, the details of the allocation of various assignments to team members; and

(c) the progress, so far, made by the team?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) : An inter-disciplinary team comprising of Ayurvedic experts I.T. experts and Patent Examiners is being set up to develop Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL). The process of recruitment is at an advanced stage of completion.

(b) : Ayurvedic experts will scan medicinal use of plants and formulations contained in identified books, patent examiners will address the issues related to Traditional Knowledge Resource Classification,International Patent Classification and the I.T. experts will prepare essential software specifications and ensure implementation of software requirements.

(c) : Work has progressed on the design of the data entry software and Traditional Knowledge Resource Classification (TKRC) codes for the plant families are also being incorporated.